

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the WING Task Force including the Scottsbluff Police Department, the Gering Police Department, the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Department, and the Bayard Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release**: On June 21, 2010, a Federal Grand Jury in a sealed Indictment indicted 12 individuals in an ongoing investigation in Western Nebraska titled "Operation Cabello de Troya". This Indictment was unsealed on June 28, 2010, and at approximately 5:00AM local time, all 12 individuals were placed under arrest for various charges including Distribution of Methamphetamine and Illegal Possession of Firearms.

Beginning in January, 2008, a drug trafficking organization was identified as distributers of methamphetamine in the Morrill County, Scotts Bluff County and surrounding areas. These individuals are alleged to have distributed methamphetamine and firearms.

Using an unidentified source, controlled purchases of methamphetamine, as well as firearms, were made in order to identify members of the organization and its hierarchy. On June 21, 2010, this information was provided to a Federal Grand Jury who indicted these members.

Members of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the WING Task Force, Scottsbluff Police Department, Gering Police Department, Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Department and Bayard Police Departments, served search warrants at the residences located at 123 Mary Lane, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, 726 Main Street, Bayard, Nebraska and 737 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Bayard Nebraska.

The following individuals have been arrested pursuant to arrest warrants based on the Federal Indictment.

Carlos Cabrera-Cabrera, age 37, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Shannon Rojas, also known as Shannon Hassan, age 28, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Seth Roland, also known as Skeet, age 28, of Minatare, Nebraska

**ANGEL AGUILERA-GALINDO**, also known as Jose Gallegos, age 35, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

RAFAEL VELAZQUEZ, also known as Rafa, age 35, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

SANTIAGO CAMPOS, also known as Mapache, age 22, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

JOEL JALAPA-ENRIQUEZ, age 47, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

BRAULIO LARA, age 36, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

JAVIER JIMENEZ-RAMOS, also known as Javier Jimenez, age 35, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

MISTY JIMENEZ, also known as Misty Voss, age 25, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

**SALVADOR ARRIAGA**, age 21, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

THOMAS BERNHARDT, age 21, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

## Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty):

- (1) Conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine; 10 years to life imprisonment, up to a \$4,000,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 5 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.
- (2) Conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine; 5 40 years imprisonment, up to a \$2,000,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 4 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Scottsbluff, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest**: Bayard, Nebraska and Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Type and Quantity of Drug: Over 500 grams of methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: N/A

## **Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime**: January, 2008 to June 21, 2010

Federal Arrest Date: June 28, 2010

**Date Complaint Issued:** N/A

**Indictment Returned Date**: June 24, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: July 2, 2010 is the anticipated day

Plea or Trial and Date(s): N/A

**Sentencing Date**: N/A

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: N/A

In Continuous Custody Since: N/A

**Assigned District Court Judge**: Battallion

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